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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES (FMG) AND ECFMG

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1. MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS REQUESTED WRITTEN UPDATING ON ECFMG/VQE SITUATION. WE FEEL BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO PROVIDE MOH (AND MEDICAL FACULTIES) WITH REASONABLE QUANTITY OF VQE 1977 BOOKLET. WE HAVE REQUESTED 1000 ADDITIONAL COPIES BUT HAVE NOT RECV'D ANY. OUR ORIGINAL CONSIGNMENT OF FIFTEEN NOW EXHAUSTED. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROCURING REASONABLE NUMBER OF COPIES ASAP.

2. FYI: CONSUL RECV'D GROUP OF THIRTY DISGRUNTLED PHYSICIANS JUNE 14, WITH MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST MOH FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW THEM TO TAKE JULY ECFMG EXAM IN CYPRUS. UNFORTUNATELY, US IS BEING, AT LEAST EMOTIONALLY, HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR SITUATION BECAUSE WE HAVE ALLEDGEDLY DIMINISHED UTILITY AND POSSIBLY VALUE OF ECFMG. END FYI.

3. MOH SEEMS TO BE USING CONFUSION AS A PARTIAL EXCUSE TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PHYSICIANS TO LEAVE COUNTRY (REFTEL PARA 4). UNDERSECRETARY GOMAA TOLD SCIATT THAT TOO MANY WHO
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HAD FORMERLY TAKEN ECFMG HAD EMIGRATED. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF CONFUSION WE ARE ALSO GETTING BLAMED BY GENERAL MEDICAL COMMUNITY HERE. WE ARE NOW GIVING OUT A POST-GENERATED PAPER SAYING THAT USG HAS NO OBJECTION TO ANY QUALIFIED MD ADMITTED TO EXAM TAKING IT. HAVING ADEQUATE NUMBERS OF INFORMATION BOOKLET TO DISTRIBUTE WOULD HELP GOOD DEAL IN SETTING FACTS STRAIGHT.

4. AS DEPT. MAY RECALL, WE HAD BEEN LOOKING INTO QUESTION OF HOLDING ECFMG EXAM IN EGYPT WHEN P.L. 94-484 PASSED. OFFERING TO HOLD SEPT. VQE OR NEXT ONE SCHEDULED HERE MIGHT HELP DISPELL ANY HARD FEELINGS IN MEDICAL COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITIES. WE WILL TAKE THIS UP WITH MOH IF YOU THINK IT FEASIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP, PARTICULARLY ON POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING SEPT. EXAM.
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